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Mr. Lowell P. Braxton, Administrator
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Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
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Dear Mr. Braxton:

Thank you for your letter of September 28, in which the Division granted, with stipulations, approvals for all reclamation variances requested in Brush Wellman's Reclamation Plan for the Topaz Mining Property. We have the following comments regarding the approvals and stipulations presented in one letter.

1. Brush Wellman understands that the variance for waste dumps slopes requested under Rule M-10(4) is approved.
2. Brush Wellman accepts the Division's stipulation under the variance to Rule M-10(4) regarding pit slope stability.
3. Brush Wellman representatives have discussed with Mr. Holland Shepherd of your staff the alternate seed mix for revegetation of rhyolite-covered dumps that is proposed in the September 28 letter. As the result of this discussion, it has been agreed with Mr. Shepherd that the following alternative seed mix and application rates will be acceptable to the Division:

Oryzopsis hymenoides	Indian Ricegrass	2 lbs/ac
Melilotus officianalis	Yellow Sweetclover	1 lb/ac
Atrilex canscens	Fourwing Saltbush	2 lbs/ac
Chrysothamnus nauseosus	Rabbitbrush	3 lbs/ac

Brush Wellman accepts the conditions of approval of this variance from Rule M-10(12) on the rhyolite-covered slopes to include the seed mix presented above.

4. Brush Wellman accepts the stipulation proposed for the approved variance to Rule M-10(14) for topsoil salvaging and will modify the reclamation plan to reflect Brush's commitment to annual reporting of additionally stockpiled topsoil.

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We believe that the commitments made herein by Brush Wellman resolve all outstanding issues relative to the approval of the reclamation plan for the Topaz Mining Property. Appropriate changes to the reclamation plan reflecting the commitments made herein and the necessary changes in the reclamation cost estimate and scheduling will be made in the immediate future. Revision pages to the reclamation plan will then be submitted to the Division for inclusion in the Division's copies of the plan.

Following this submittal, the issue remaining to be resolved will be establishment of surety. This final step cannot be taken until the appropriate forms become available.

Should you or your staff have questions or comments regarding this response, please contact me.

Sincerely yours,

BRUSH WELLMAN INC.



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